
**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**December 6, 2007
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee held its meeting at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.

Members Present

Barnes, Christine	City of La Palma
Bayer, Anne	Gateway Cities
Coerper, Gil	City of Huntington Beach
Fesmire, Melanie	CVAG
Jasper, Timothy	City of Apple Valley
Lee, Laura	Gateway Cities
Loveridge, Ronald	City of Riverside
Mosca, Joseph	SGVCOG
McCallon, Larry (Vice-Chair)	City of Highland
McCullough, Kathryn	OCCOG
Morehouse, Carl	Ventura/VCOG
Nowatka, Paul	City of Torrance
Nunez, John H.	SGVCOG
Ring, Bob	OCCOG
Robertson, Deborah	City of Rialto
White, Charles	WRCOG

Members Not Present

Dubois, Diana (EA)	Gateway Cities
Edney, Jon (Chair) (EA)	City of El Centro/IVAG
Garcia, Joe G.	SGVCOG
Jeffra, Jim	Lancaster
Lantz, Paula	City of Pomona
Malsin, Scott	Westside Cities COG
Mitchell, John D.	SANBAG
Norby, Chris	Orange County
Olhasso, Laura	Arroyo Verdugo
Palmer, Jim	OCCOG

Members Not Present (Continued)

Perry, Jan	Los Angeles
Reyes, Ed	Los Angeles
Serrano, Joseph	Gateway Cities

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Hon. Larry McCallon, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM, and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no reprioritizations.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Minutes of October 4, 2007 Meeting

A **MOTION** was made by Hon. Tim Jasper to approve the Consent Calendar, including the minutes of November 1, 2007 and Receive and File Items 4.1 and 4.2. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Hon. Paul Nowatka and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 2008 State and Federal Legislative Program - Draft

Jeff Dunn, SCAG Staff, reviewed the highlights of the Draft 2008 State and Federal Legislative Program. Mr. Dunn emphasized that he was requesting approval of the Draft by this Committee, and stated that the Draft would be presented to the Regional Council today, with this Committee's recommendations.

A discussion ensued regarding the Draft Program. Vice-Chair McCallon referenced a letter dated December 3, 2007 from Dennis R. Wilberg with the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG), requesting changes to the Draft Program. Hon. Bob Ring provided background information on behalf of OCCOG. Hon. Gil Coerper stated it was essential to include security and safety policies in the Goods Movement section. Members of the Committee summarized their requests for changes to the Draft Program.

A **MOTION** was made by Hon. Gil Coerper to include additional security in the Goods Movement section. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Hon. Charles White and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. A **MOTION** was made by Hon. Bob Ring to delete "Seek legislative actions that" from the second bullet on Page

1. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Hon. Paul Nowatka and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. A **MOTION** was made by Vice-Chair McCallon to delete the language on Page 19 which says, “seek an increase to the sales tax on motor vehicle fuels”. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Hon. Carl Morehouse and **PASSED** 15-1.

A **MOTION** was made by Hon. Joe Mosca to send the Draft 2008 State and Federal Legislative Program to the Regional Council for approval, as amended. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Hon. Christine Barnes and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

5.2 Draft Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) Process and Outreach Strategy

Pam O’Connor, Chair of the RCP Task Force, stated that the Regional Council has directed staff to complete the RCP in an expeditious manner. Based on that direction, Ms. O’Connor stated that the task force recommends approval of the proposed schedule for the public outreach process and release of the draft for public comment and review.

Doug Kim, SCAG Consultant, reviewed the schedule stating that the RCP would be released in January 2008, with a six-month public outreach process. It would be brought back to this Committee in June 2008, before going to the Regional Council for action in July 2008. Mr. Kim stated that the first phase of the outreach process, which would endeavor to develop a broader awareness of the issues, would be completed in March 2008. The second phase of the outreach process, which would include a series of detailed workshops, would conclude in June 2008.

Hon. Charles White passed out a series of questions regarding the RCP, proposed by John C. Terrell, Planning Official with the City of Moreno Valley. The Vice-Chair directed staff to answer these questions in the workshops, and prepare written responses to the questions and present them at the January 2008 meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the merits of the schedule, a possible sustainability conference in early 2008, and the need to develop an easily understood comprehensive plan format with maps so the layperson can review and comment easily. With further emphasis on this last point, a **MOTION** was made by Hon. Deborah Robertson to release the Draft 2008 RCP and approve the outreach strategy. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Hon. Carl Morehouse and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

Vice-Chair McCallon complimented the RCP Task Force for a job well done and thanked Ms. O’Connor for her leadership.

5.3 Compass Blueprint Demonstration Project Evaluation Criteria

A **MOTION** was made by Hon. John Nunez to waive reading the staff report and recommend approval of the Revised Evaluation Criteria to the Regional Council.

The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Hon. Deborah Robertson and **PASSED** 15-1, with member Christine Barnes dissenting in favor of hearing the staff report.

- 5.4 8th Annual Regional Housing Summit/Blueprint Awards Steering Committee
The Vice-Chair requested that Hon. Kathryn McCullough chair this Committee, with Hon. Gil Coerper serving as back up. He requested volunteers to serve with Hon. McCullough. Hon. Charles White, Hon. Christine Barnes, Hon. Deborah Robertson and Hon. Joe Mosca volunteered to serve on the Committee.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 6.1 Compass Blueprint "Toolbox Tuesdays"
Peter Brandenburg, SCAG Senior Planner, stated that as part of the ongoing effort to implement the Compass Blueprint 2% Strategy and encourage local-level planning and projects consistent with the Compass principles, SCAG is now offering a series of training classes for local government planners. The training will provide planners with the necessary skills to use several of the computer-based tools at the core of the Compass Blueprint Suite of Services, including: Photomorph and fly-through visualizations, Tipping-Point/Return-on-investment analysis, and Envision GIS scenario-building tools. After completion of training, the planners will be able to use Photoshop, SketchUp and Google Earth to create still-photo, three-dimensional and video representations. Planners will be provided hard-copy, written guides to the training material, a DVD-ROM with GIS, and software to install on their computers. The initial classes will have 16 participants and will be held at SCAG on November 20, 2007, December 11, 2007 and January 15, 2008. Mr. Brandenburg stated that each of the three classes were 50% oversubscribed. Hon. Robertson suggested holding additional classes in Riverside or at Caltran's training facility in San Bernardino.

Lynn Harris, SCAG Manager of Community Development, stated that the initial classes will be evaluated to measure effectiveness before the program is expanded. She further stated that staff has requested additional monies to expand the program in the next fiscal year.

- 6.2 Highlights of the 2007 State of the Region
Ping Chang, SCAG Program Manager, provided highlights of the 2007 State of the Region report. Mr. Chang stated that the report is being released today and a press conference is being held at 1:00 PM in Riverside B. Mr. Chang further stated that the report was prepared under the guidance of the Benchmark Task Force, and provides an assessment of how our six-county region performs on issues including population, economy, housing, transportation, environment, education and safety. The report also compares the performance of our region with other large metropolitan regions in the nation.

Mayor Loveridge, Chair of the Benchmark Task Force, commended Mr. Chang for his authorship of this 10th annual award winning report.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair Report.

8.0 STAFF REPORT

Lynn Harris distributed a memorandum addressed to the Committee regarding Proposed 2008 RTP Growth Policy addition. Ms. Harris stated that based on feedback from Executive Management, staff is proposing inclusion of the policy to promote growth and land use patterns that support regional economic development, namely the goods movement and logistics industries. Ms. Harris further stated that the Draft 2008 RTP Policy Growth Forecast, as developed, implicitly supports this policy. Ms. Harris said that due to the high profile of goods movement and logistics industry issues in this RTP, staff recommends acknowledging that this was one of many regional policies used to develop the draft RTP Policy Growth Forecast.

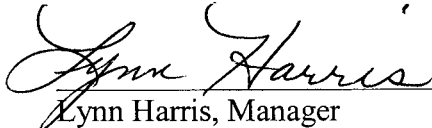
9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were noted or requested.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Hon. McCallon adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM.

Minutes Approved By:



Lynn Harris, Manager
Community Development

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Member (including Ex-Officio) Last Name First Name		Representing	X = County Represented							X = Attended												= No Meeting NM = New Member				
			IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec						
Barnes, Christine*		La Palma			X					X	X	X						X	X	X						
Bayer, Anne		Gateway Cities		X							X	NM						X	X	X						
Cooper, Gil		Huntington Beach			X					X		X						X	EA	X						
Dubois, Diane		Gateway Cities		X							NM	X							X	X						
Edney, Jon* - Chair		El Centro	X					X	X	X	X	X		X	X		EA	X	EA	EA						
Fesmire, Melanie		CVAG				X				X	X			X			EA			X						
Garcia, Joe G		SGVCOG		X										NM	X				X							
Jahn, Bill		SANBAG																								
Jasper Timothy*		Apple Valley						X		X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X						
Jeffra Jim		Lancaster		X											NM											
Lantz, Paula*		Pomona		X						X	X		X	X	X		X	X								
Lee, Laura		Gateway Cities		X						NM			X	X	X					X						
Loveridge, Ronald*		Riverside				X				X	X			X	X		X	X		X						
Malsin, D Scott		Westside Cities COG		X											NM	X	X	X								
McCallon, Larry* - Vice-Chair		Highland				X				X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X						
McCullough, Kathryn		OCCOG			X					X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X						
Mitchell, John D		SANBAG																								
Morehouse, Carl*		Ventura/VCOG						X			X			X	X			X	X	X						
Mosca Joseph		SGVCOG		X						NM	X	X			X	X	X			X						
Norby Chris*		Orange County			X										X	X		X								
Nowatka Paul*		Torrance		X						X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X						
Nunez John H		SGVCOG		X						X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X						
Olhasso Laura		Arroyo Verdugo		X						X		X		X	X	X		X								
Palmer Jim		OCCOG			X						NM															
Perry, Jan*		Los Angeles		X																						
Reyes, Ed*		Los Angeles		X																						
Ring, Bob		OCCOG			X					X	X						X	X	X	X						
Robertson, Deborah*		Rialto						X		X	X						X	X	X	X						
Serrano, Joseph		Gateway Cities		X																						
White, Charles		WRCOG				X				X	X	X		X	EA		X	X	X	X						

*Regional Council Member